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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Zuker et al.

Application No.: 09/361,652

Filed: July 27, 1999

For: NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING A  
G-PROTEIN COUPLED RECEPTOR  
INVOLVED IN SENSORY  
TRANSDUCTION

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 5785

Examiner: Michael Brannock

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1646

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed November 26, 2002, and the Notice of Appeal mailed May 27, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for extension of time to respond for three months from July 27, 2003, to October 27, 2003, is filed concurrently. A request for continued examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is also filed herewith.

Appl. No. 09/361,652

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Amdt. dated September 19, 2003

Reply to Office Action of November 26, 2002

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.